Note re HF's to JER 11/20/74 MW 11/21/74

Lesar is mystified by this letter, sees no need for it, knows there is no immediate question, and adds that Bud has left town until 12/1, by which time all the papers in the current stage of the case have to have been filed.
It was not discussed with him as it was not with me.
His knowledge was when he got a copy today. He was in Bud's office yesterday.
He also finds difficulty attributing motive or explaining some of the formulations.

Dear Jim,

11/26/74

After we spoke and after I finished reading the Huie deposition I wrote you a letter for w ich you may find use if you so elect in arguing for taking Huie's deposition. I won't be there in person, as you can be sure. There is no criticism of you in it but the reason I'm not sending it now is so you can concentrate, not try to look into the future. However, I'd expect Haile to make use of dishonest selections and at best we'll again be defending when we never should have been. At worst it provides judges looking for an out with one. Haile did not do it for nothing. His long and for him dangerous delay has to have been from fear or for harassing us.

In retrospect it also was very, very bad not to read Foreman's opposite versions to him, have them both under oath in direct contradiction on the material and confront Haile and the judge with a perjury situation. Huie could not change what he said from his earlier record, partly under oath. And Foreman was already in trouble with a grand jury.

If you are right, that we can still do it, it is important, as I think you said.But the only way it can be done is by the responsible cheapskate paying, and how he hates to spend except on himself or in total waste, which is also on himself.

No matter how I try to be calm, once I get into even thinking of all his fucking up I do get angry. He does no work. He just fucks up what we do. And basks on camera, brags in print.

It was in Nashville that Jimmy first was quite upset about not being at the deposition, when you were at Hooker's, I think he returned to it in Memphis.

Bud probably doesn t begin to think of the charges that can be levelled against him in this case. I have no intention of initiating them. However, it might help him at least make an effort to shape up and perform if he had some awareness. And he'd best give thought to what Jimmy is capable of if the judges yield to pressures they have to feel. My days of smothing things over for him are over.

On a lighter note, UPI is doing a story. It should be out before you can get this. Had a long talk with Bob Andrews today. But can't get them (any)interested in FOI part. I have worked it in where I could. (You got a good press on WWL, New Orleans, this evening, and afterward a listener in Virginia phoned with an order.) I've alerted several friends who read UPI copy to be alert to try and make an add. Art will phone me for a little special seg on you and how the book came out. The Ann Arbor Sun, a weekly, perhaps alternative, asked for a copy special delivery after hearing me on WABX, one of Jon's subscribers, in Detroit. Remains to be seen what all this means in mail-order sales but with a commercial distribution, it would be quite effective. All we can now say is that without leaving home I've reached a very large audience...Roger lost out at National Star because he actually pushed for use of the Ford stuff. Good for him, but not on judgement or for us! And Ron Kessler called on an RFK project, seeking opinions and counsel. There has been an approach. Please keep confidential for you float in and out of a nuttery. I've suggested ways of testing to him and he'll see how much he can disclose to me. MW